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Dear review board,

These laws are a farce. Everyone who participates in Sydney's nightlife understands these laws are in place to stuff the Packer coffers with casino cash and support property developers, not to address violence.

Your laws have ruined vibrant communities and the damage these laws have done will take years to undo. Violence is down in lockout areas, but has not stopped - it continues in outer suburbs, in people's homes and at the Casino, exempt for absolutely no reason except money and corruption.

As an aside, do you know how difficult it is to meet people in the city? How tough it can be to make a connection? Well, it's harder now. We are banned from taking a step into the fresh night air for a chat, penned inside where the music is too loud for talk; for the actions of a few violent jerks, a casino fortune and a corrupt government blind to evidence and reason.

I was coward punched outside a small bar in Redfern before 10pm while lockout laws were in place. Your laws did not protect me.

Sometimes people drink, go out and get violent. Punish them, restrict their freedoms - not mine.

Meanwhile, the party continues - underground. We will find our dance floor, but that doesn't help the hundreds of people who have lost their jobs in the service industry since the laws came into place.

I appreciate the opportunity to have my say, and I sincerely hope you reconsider these laws before the other half of my friends move to Melbourne or Berlin.

With enraged regards,
Eirwen